# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



## FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1804 – SB 2473

February 12, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Prohibits a licensing authority of the state or any municipality, county, or metropolitan government from entering into or renewing any contract with a lobbyist or lobbying firm on or after July 1, 2018.

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Other Fiscal Impact – Licensing authorities seeking to extend or enter into contracts with lobbyists on or after July 1, 2018, will experience a shift in expenditures or cost avoidances. The extent of any such impact is dependent upon the individual needs of each licensing authority and cannot be reasonably determined.

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012975):** Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is removing the prohibition of political subdivision licensing authorities to contract with lobbyists or lobbying firms on or after July 1, 2018.

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

### Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation defines a licensing authority as an agency, examining board, credentialing board, or other entity with the authority to require a license and occupational fee to engage in any profession or occupation.
- Licensing authorities budgeting funds for lobbyist contracts will spend such funds on alternative resources to fulfill the established need or avoid the cost of such contracts. The extent of any shift in funding or cost avoidance is dependent upon the needs of each licensing authority and cannot be reasonably determined.

# **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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